

Candidate Responses Executive Summary (20/10/22)

(yellow = Councillor seeking re-election, NR= no written response -please follow up with the candidate - GCS expresses concern at the lack of any response from any candidate in Fullarton Ward to what are Council wide issues, sadly the people have no other candidates to vote for and this is a great concern for accountability, transparency and trust.)

GCS' position: Green=support, orange= Council policy, red=a problem. Please read the candidates' full responses to clarify your own position on whether the candidate did answer the question.

Please the GCS code is NOT about the Council's position but the candidates' position – we are voting Councillors to be representatives and individually accountable

<p>The budget papers of the Council show a spend of 2% on Community Centres. As Council claims to be closest to the people, this amount seems insignificant compared to the wages bill and most other spending by the Council.</p>	<p>The reports of the council show an inequity in spending on community centres. For example, in 2021/22 Council allocated to the Clarence Park Centre through the operating budget \$153,103 for staffing and operating costs, not including corporate support costs. (Unley Council minutes -26 April 2022)</p> <p>Goodwood Community Centre delivering the same outcomes got nothing.</p>	<p>Presently Council has a policy that community groups that lease council buildings might get a grant to co-pay for solar installation. (Unley Life - Spring 22)</p>	<p>With Unley Council publications</p>	<p>Given Unley is on First Nations land</p>	<p><i>Do you support GCS Inc being given a long-term lease from the Council so that it can continue to operate as an independent community centre?</i></p>
<p><i>Are you in favour of increasing that proportion to target building a better community?</i></p>	<p><i>Will you support equitable funding of all community centres?</i></p>	<p><i>Would you support a policy that all Council buildings, particularly those used by community-based not-for-profit organisations will have solar installations installed at Council expense as a matter of ecological priority?</i></p>	<p><i>Will you support the inclusion of the provision of community notices and programmes at no cost to the provider?</i></p>	<p><i>Are you in favour of co-naming Council facilities with Kaurua Naming as a priority?</i></p>	

MAYOR

SCHNELL, Bob	does not seem to be adequate to promote and staff the centres	In brief, yes.	Absolutely, yes.	Yes	Absolutely. Why hasn't this been done?	Yes.
HEWITSON, Michael Gordon	About your questions 1 and 2, I note the comments provided by the Board. It is worth noting that Council currently funds four community centres, which are undertaken with different management and operating models, largely dependent on community needs and demand. Each model has a different operational cost, noting that full cost attribution is not accounted for within the community centre budget line, with asset costs and internal service support costs accounted for separately.		Currently, our Climate and Energy Plan includes an option for the Council to partner with not-for-profit lessees to improve the energy efficiency of facilities, which may include solar panels or other initiatives to achieve this outcome.	Yes	Yes	It would be inappropriate for me to comment on this as I am aware that there is a formal procurement process currently underway.
CENTRELLA, Dario	I've yet to form an opinion on the 2% amount. Based on only a very coarse understanding, it seems commensurate, but will seek to form a more solid position. In terms of community-building,	In terms of targeted funding, I don't have an position either way	This seems worthy of investing resources, especially if there are no more urgent things to supply with renewable energy first.	In terms of targeted funding, in this case relief from advertising, I don't see why a base number of events is not part of any lease agreement.	I look forward to this progressing in whatever way deemed appropriate by First Nation's People and Council..	In terms of a long-term lease, I don't have a position either way.
MACFARLANE, Marijana	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR

Unley Ward

FINOS, Stephen	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
RUSSO, Jane	I don't believe that by increasing the proportion of the spend on	equitable funding is not the solution. I believe for a council of our size we in fact are	I am very supportive of installation of solar panels on Council owned	Community information is promoted through Unley Life	I have and already supporting this through the Council's Cultural Plan 2021-	I have supported the process that has been undertaken to date regarding the lease and

	community centres equals a better community.	considered to have too many community centres.	buildings which is occurring .		2026 to undertaken cultural mapping project of our city	the possible management options for this community centre. I am not convinced at this stage the current approach is working with the heavy reliance on volunteers
DEWING, Sue	. Council funds four community centres all operating under different management and operating models resulting in different costs. The annual budget process provides the opportunity for residents, businesses and groups to provide feedback and request additional funding.	"equal" funding would therefore not be equitable.	Council is currently installing solar on council owned buildings as part of its Climate & Energy Plan.	The Unley Life magazine is available to community groups to insert content free of charge.	. I refer you to the Council's Cultural Plan 2021 - 2026 which undertakes cultural mapping of the City of Unley including co-naming of Council facilities	As there is currently a procurement process underway regarding the Goodwood Community Centre Lease it would be inappropriate for me to comment.

Parkside Ward

BLYTH, Leah	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
ANASTASSIADIS, Kay	there are operational limits about what program and activities can be offered due to space availability, physical limits and programming constraints i.e., some activities	Council currently funds four community centres, which are undertaken with different management and operating models, that are dependent on community needs and demand. Each model has a different operational cost, noting	I have supported this through the Council's Climate and Energy Plan which will see solar panel systems installed across Council-owned sites, including leased buildings.	Programs are provided in different ways with some payment required and is part of the operational cost	I have long been in favour of co-naming Council facilities with Kaurna names as an important element of the Reconciliation Plan. However, it needs to be undertaken in a Kaurna culturally	I'm aware there is a formal procurement process currently underway. It is therefore not possible nor is it appropriate to make comment on this issue.

	impact on a centre's capacity to run other activities at the same time. These practical constraints need to be recognised in any funding model.	that full cost attribution is not accounted for within the community centre budget line, with asset costs and internal service support costs accounted for separately.			determined and respectful manner	
BONHAM, Jennifer	I would be happy to consider an increase in funding for Community Centres during the Annual Budget deliberations taking into account the overall community services provided by Council	The City of Unley's four Community Centres operate under different models and 'equitable' funding must take account of the Management model and distribution of costs and income.	Lessees of Council premises can partner with Council to install solar panels or otherwise improve energy efficiency of the premises. This arrangement has financial benefits for lessees in terms of utilities costs so sharing installation costs seems reasonable.	I would welcome contributions from the Goodwood Community Centre on issues of community interest	co-naming must form part of Council's broader Reconciliation Action Plan. The Co-naming process must be determined by Kaurana peoples as culturally appropriate.	There is a process already underway regarding the long-term operation of the Goodwood Community Centre. I am obliged to wait until the outcome of that process before making any comment
DOYLE, Luke	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Fullarton Ward						
HAVORD, Peter	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
GAFFEY, Jack	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
CAULFIELD, Finn	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
BRAENDLER, Josh	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
HUGHES, Peter	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Goodwood Ward						
TIPPER, Denise	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
HART, Georgie	Yes, I believe that community centres and the programs they offer are an	Yes. Funding may not be equal due to different models and requirements, but it must be equitable	Yes. I believe that all Council owned buildings and especially not-for-	Yes I will.	absolutely yes, however this process can't be rushed. It should be a priority but extensive	Yes, in principle I think this is a great option

	essential service to our community.		profit tenants should be prioritised in a rollout of solar installations		consultation with Kurna elders	
CRABBE, Chris	In principle I support greater funding for community services, including community centres	I support the appropriate funding being allocated to community centres based on their operating model, end-user outcomes and services provided	Yes, I think where solar installations can be installed properly on council owned+/78956 and leased sites that it should subsidise that installation	I support no-cost promotion of community centre programs and notices through a multimedia approach	. I would support a Kurna Place Naming initiative provided it was done in a culturally safe and appropriate way, in consultation with local Kurna Elders and representatives.	If elected I will explore providing long-term leases to all essential community services
TIPPER, Jake	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
McPHEE, Scott	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
MACFARLANE, Chris	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
SMOLUCHA, Luke	I am very much in favour of increasing spending on community programs, and this includes ensuring that our Community Centres are fully funded to be able to provide the spaces, programs and support for our community.	Yes I am more than willing to ensure that Council will enable all our Community Centres to be equitably funded and empowered to serve the community	I am 100% in support of Council installing Solar everywhere it can (on property it owns), AND Batteries!	I see no reason for not-for-profit groups to pay for community notices and the like, lets empower them even more	Yes, I think co-naming will add a great deal to our community and culture	In principle yes, but given my Law background I see many un-tethered variables
Clarence Park Ward						
PALMER, Don	In an ideal world, it would be great to increase the funding for many or most of our functions. Fiscal	Refer answer provided to question 1.	Council's Climate Action plan which I support and was passed in August 2021 already earmarks the	It is my understanding that community notices in Unley Life and the annual community	Our reconciliation action plan which (once again I support) has identified the naming of significant sites as one of our	I am unable to comment further as there (as you know) is an expression of interest process being conducted for the

	responsibility dictates however that Councils must consider each component of a budget and identify and prioritise what we see as our greatest need.		provision of solar panels on all buildings currently without. It is an essential part of our zero-carbon goal. We are bound by this policy unless we can be convinced that this is not desirable	centres program newsletter (which I presume you are referring to) are at no cost. I support such an approach.	initiatives moving forward.	Goodwood Community Centre
ROGERS, Rebekah	Yes, I am in favour of increasing the 2% proportion of the budget for Community Centres. They are a vital part of the Council, and should therefore be invested in.	Yes, I would support equitable funding of all community centres	Yes, I wish for all council buildings to have solar installed at Council expense. It is the path for Council reaching net zero emissions.	I do support community centre notices and programmes to be included in Unley Council publications at no cost to the provider	Absolutely, with proper consultation on the names with First Nations people.	Yes.
SQUIRE, Jayden	I believe in strong communities, and in strong community centres. I serve on the Board of Management of the Clarence Park Community Centre and support increasing the 2% figure present, to a healthy 3.5%.	Yes	Yes, as a scientist I understand the importance for us to respond to the wider threats of climate change and that we must make Unley Council buildings operate from strictly renewable energy, including community centres	Yes	Yes, this is a no-brainer to me.	Yes, I support a long term lease.

Unley Park Ward

BRONIECKI, Monica	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
RABBITT, Michael James	, I do not think it appropriate to necessarily provide all centres with an	each Community Centre has different arrangements and needs; hence it is not a	Council has been pro-active installing solar panels on Council owned	Costs need to be managed, so it would not be appropriate to	I believe this will be addressed in conjunction with the Reconciliation Action	I cannot support such a matter without further information. My response would be

	increase in funding. Council must address the needs of the community and provide funds where they are best applied.	'one size fits all' funding arrangement.	buildings where the maximum benefit can be obtained.	suggest that all community notices be issued at no cost to the provider.	Plan that is being developed.	influenced by the offering from the GCS, including programmes and services provided to the community and of course, the financial viability of the centre.
CHATAWAY, Roslyn Marie	As a local resident for the past 40+ years, I have utilised many community centres across the Unley Council and have been the recipient of their excellent work and support they undertake, so would be in favour of increasing the budget allocation	I would prefer a Council that is more open and communicates where and how all funding could be allocated, so informed decisions can be made.	we do have a climate emergency and the City of Unley Council need to do more to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and solar energy is the obvious choice	Yes - I support the provision of community notices and programmes at no cost to the provider.	Yes. We are on Kaurna lands and the appropriate naming of Council facilities in collaboration with Elders should be a priority.	I would most certainly support a long-term lease, as we cannot afford to lose these valuable, independent centres.
PRIOR, Paul Thomas	Council claims to be closest to the people, this amount seems insignificant compared to the wages bill and most other spending by the Council	I will support all programs that benefit the community and ensure that funding is distributed to all centres evenly within Unley Council funding in the annual budget	I fully support the opportunity to make all our buildings environmentally friendly, starting with funding to place solar systems for non-for-profit groups in council dwellings	Yes, I believe in advising the community what is available in Unley, so they can use the programs for a better lifestyle and meet new people in our community	Absolutely, I believe all buildings in Unley should be encouraged to do this, not just council dwellings	Yes, if this will assist the GCS to plan better for programs and build new programs without the fear of losing their home, I fully support this in Unley